an adoption hearing and the biological father shows up and just merely tells the court what the facts are, the court has an obligation to make that adjudication and make whatever inquiries and obtain whatever evidence is necessary to, under the next section, Section 17, determine the biological father's parental rights. So I don't think that Section 16 adds anything or detracts anything and as I say, Senator Bromm and I have debated this for several hours and I think it is more important that we proceed with the bill than continue the argument on this section, so I have no objection to its deletion.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, do you have some items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. New resolution, LR 92 by Senator Beutler and others. (Read brief description of resolution.) New A bill, LB 490A by Senator Kristensen. (Read for the first time.) Senator Warner would like to remind the members of Program Evaluation Committee they'll hold an executive session today in Room 2022 upon recess. Program Evaluation Room 2022 upon recess. Senator Bohlke would like to print amendments to LB 840, Senator Day to LB 592. Senator Beutler would like to add his name to LB 298. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1608-09 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, do you have a...

CLERK: Senator Witek would move to recess until one-thirty, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the motion. All in favor of the motion to recess say aye. Opposed. We are in recess.

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SPEAKER WITHEM: I would like to urge the senators to return to the floor of the Legislature so we can begin this afternoon's deliberation. Members, please record your presence.